

Internship opportunity

Topic: Support the creation and implementation of several activities concerning inter- and transdisciplinary research and education within WUR

Do you want to build a professional network and learn more about WUR broad experiences regarding inter- and transdisciplinary research and education? Are you able to combine a practical hands-on mentality with critical and creative thinking? Then this internship is perfect for you!

Background

The Interdisciplinary Research and Education Fund ([INREF](#)) of Wageningen University is a fund that finances inter- and transdisciplinary research projects that explicitly aim to contribute to achieving the SDGs. INREF recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. This is a good moment to reflect on the achievements, challenges and lessons learned of this unique interdisciplinary research programme funded by Wageningen University. To do this, a number of activities will be executed this year:

- Conducting a study about the impact of INREF on the professional lives of INREF funded PhD alumni's (interviews, mixed methods)
- The organisation of an INREF *event* in March 2022 that will bring together WU and WR expertise and experiences on doing inter- and transdisciplinary research in the domains of the SDGs and food systems. More information about this event is provided here below.

Who should apply?

- Students from any WU program, who are interested in the topics of inter- and transdisciplinary research and education/science for societal impact in the domains of the life sciences (mostly in low and middle income countries)
- Students who are curious to learn more about what WUR is already doing on the above mentioned topics and build a network within the university and research organisation
- Students who like to combine a hands-on mentality with critical and creative thinking

What will be your responsibilities?

- The focus depends a bit on your own interest,
- We are surely looking for someone to help with tracing, chasing and interviewing alumni of previous INREF programmes about how INREF influenced their skills and perceptions on inter- and transdisciplinary research and their further career
- And/or someone who is willing to help with the organisation of the *event* (both content and logistics)

Timing: start time can be any time until December 2022

Supervision

Valentina Tassone (Assistant Professor at Education and Learning Sciences, Social Sciences Group) and Nina de Roo (Wageningen Centre for Development Innovation, Social Sciences Group), with possible additional supervisors when requested by the student/chair group of the study program.

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Suggested Code and Credits: ELS internship code, 24-39 credits, unless differently requested by the student

More information about the *event*:

Purpose	Possible sub-sessions	Target audience	Timing
Position the WUR and its expertise related to impactful food systems research	INREF & KB FSVW programmes: impact & lessons learned (sub-topics/tracks to be defined)	Policy makers/funders at OC&W, LNV, BuZA, EU, CG, WB, IFAD, Foundations... companies (?) LNV/OC&W: opening speech?	Day 1 & drinks afterwards*
Improving the effectiveness of inter- and transdisciplinary research for development impact: lessons learned from	lessons learned on financing research for impact (by NWO/WOTRO) HRM/career development (PhD/young researchers' experiences) Challenges and successes in meaningful engagement of stakeholders in food systems research for impact	Researchers from WUR and other universities/research institutes CG, IFAD, other universities	1 ½ Day (afternoon & conference dinner*) – Day 2

research and its enabling environment	Managing inter /transdisciplinary research methods/tools /approaches that promote inter/trans-disciplinary research and transformation end-user perspective	Partners of KB en INREF programmes	
Promote inter- and transdisciplinary research and education @ WUR	Lessons learned on better embedding of interdisciplinary education integrated research practice societal impact of research @ WUR	Internal WUR WUR staff and programmes, education department	½ day

* provided that this is allowed in relation to COVID-19 measures

More information about current INREF projects:

project	Geography	duur
Smart Indonesian Agriculture (Smart-In-Ag)	Indonesia	2019-2023
Traditional fermented foods to promote food and nutrition security in Africa	Zambia, Zimbabwe and Benin	2019-2023
Beyond Anthropocene Pressures: convivial conservation integrating ECOlogy and ECONomics along the Nile and its wetlands(Eco2)	Egypt	2019-2023
FOREFRONT	Brazil and Mexico	2015-2021
Responsible life-science innovations for development in the digital age: EVOCA	Kenya, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Ghana	2015-2021
sustainable water management in the transboundary Indus river basin (SustaIndus)	Nepal, Pakistan	2019-2023
Diagnosing drought for dealing with drought in 3D	Brazil	2019-2023
Scenario evaluation for sustainable agro-forestry management	Indonesia, Kenya, Suriname, Peru , Ecuador, Brazil	2019-2023
River Commons; building Research for Development and Education on Sustainable Co-governance of River Commons through Transdisciplinary Co-creation of Knowledge	Colombia, India, Myanmar, South Africa, Zambia, Uruguay,	2021-2025
Resilience of the Richest Reefs: Building the resilience of marine protected areas in tourism destinations	Indonesia, Dutch Caribbean	2021-2025